

#### **Overview**

#### **Timeline**

- Start Date: 10/01/2013
- End Date:03/31/2016
- Percent Complete:100%

#### **Budget**

- Total Project Funding
  - \$3,145,571
  - DOE\* Share
    - \$2,250,043
- Contractor Share
  - \$895,528

\*3M and the team appreciates the support and funding provided by DOE

#### Barriers

- · Cycle Life,
- Specific Energy,
- Cost

#### **Partners**

- Collaboration:
  - GM: Dr. Meng Jiang
  - Umicore: Wendy Zhou
  - Iontensity: Marc Juzkow
  - ARL: Dr. Richard Jow
  - · LBNL: Dr. Gao Liu
- Interaction
  - Dalhousie University
  - ANL: Deliverable Testing
- Project Lead:3M

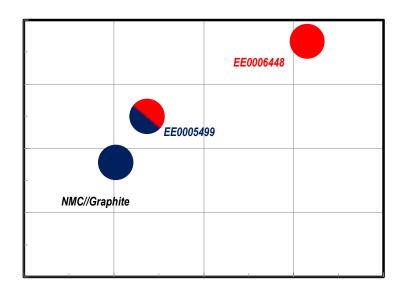


#### Relevance

# A collaborative team approach to leverage crucial Li-ion battery technologies and expertise to help enable

Wh/L (Wet Laminate)

- Advanced High Energy Lilon Cell
- Superior Performance Envelope
  - · Long Cycle Life,
  - High Power Capability,
  - Wide Operating Temperature
- Lower Cost (\$/Wh)



Wh/kg (Wet Laminate)



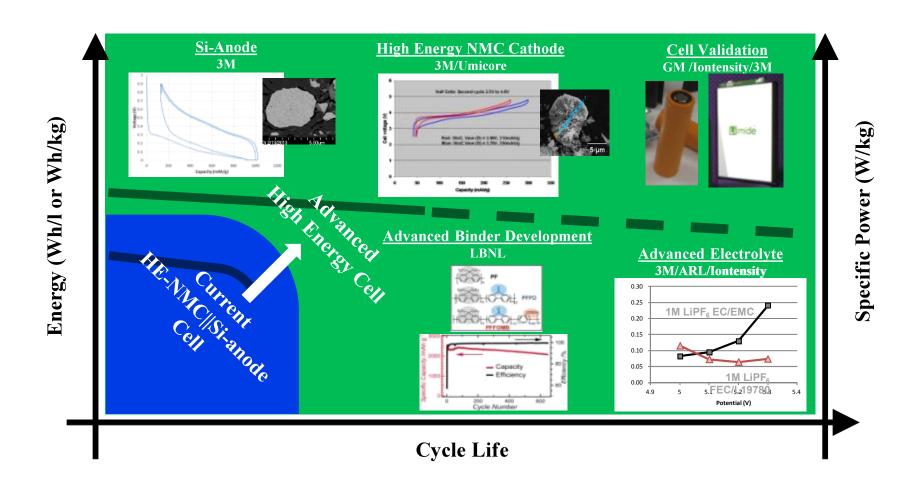
### **Milestones**

Month / Year	Milestone	Status							
Phase I (Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2013 to Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2014)									
Dec / 2013	Scale up baseline anode and cathode material	✓							
April / 2014	Baseline cells shipment	<b>√</b>							
	Phase II (Oct 1st, 2014 to March 31st, 2016								
Aug / 2015	Advanced anode and cathode materials selection	<b>√</b>							
Dec / 2015	Advanced anode and cathode materials scale up	✓							
March / 2016	Data package – Advanced cells	✓							
April / 2016	Advanced cells shipment	<b>√</b>							



### **Approach**

Synergistic Team Approach to Address Vital Components.





## **Approach**

#### 1 - Develop Advanced Material to meet Energy Targets

#### Si Alloy Anode

Scalable process to develop high capacity Si alloy with stable microstructure

#### Binder - Si Anode

Innovative conductive binder for superior Si anode composite

#### Advanced Electrolyte / Additives

SEI and high voltage stability to enhance performance

# High Energy NMC Cathode

Develop composition with high Wh/kg to increase cell energy

#### 2 - Characterize Performance in 18650 / Pouch Cells

Electrode Formulation Study

Tune Formation Protocol

Evaluate Dispersion,
Roll to Roll Coating
and Drying

Gap Analysis and Diagnostics

Energy and Life Validation

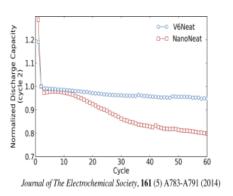


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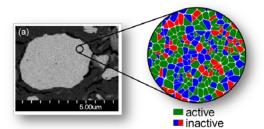
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Baseline Material	3.5	1050	900	3280	85.7	$\checkmark$



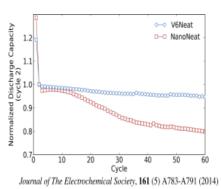
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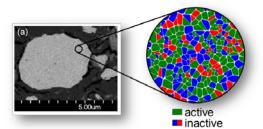
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# Silicon Alloy Anode Scale Up - 3M

Demonstrated material scale up & commercial manufacturing feasibility



High volume manufacturing feasibility underway.

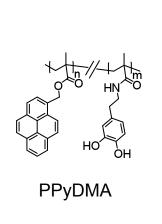
Scale-up plan to meet the demand forecast.

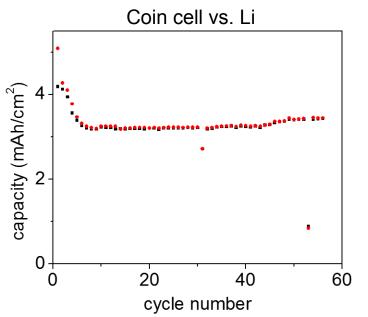


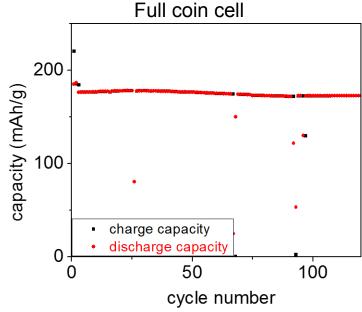
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### **Binder Development - LBNL**

Demonstrated higher areal capacity electrodes with Si Alloy Anode







PPyDMA with Advanced Si anode electrode C/10, 0.005V-1V; constant voltage until 0.02C at the end of lithiation 1st cycle efficiency: 82.35%, 1st cycle delithiation capacity: 1175.9 mAh/g 50th cycle efficiency: 99.83%, 50th cycle delithiation capacity: 955.3 mAh/g

PPyDMA/ Advanced Si anode electrode w/o graphite; C/10 for 2 cycles, then C/3; 1st cycle efficiency: 82.34% (prelithiation with SLMP); Electrolyte: EC/DEC=3/7, 30% FEC, 1.2M LiPF6; Capacity reported based on cathode active materials



Developed advanced cathode material with better properties

Two Concepts: Core-Shell and Coated NMC



Small advantage in energy compared to alternatives

Challenges for cycle life, rate capability and gassing

#### 3M coatings on NMC

Better cycle life and energy

Better rate capability

Cathode	BET (m²/g)	1st Lithiation (mAh/g)	1 <sup>st</sup> Delithiation (mAh/g)		Manufacturability
Advanced Material	0.31	230	211	91.9	<b>√</b>
Baseline Material		273	227	83.3	$\checkmark$



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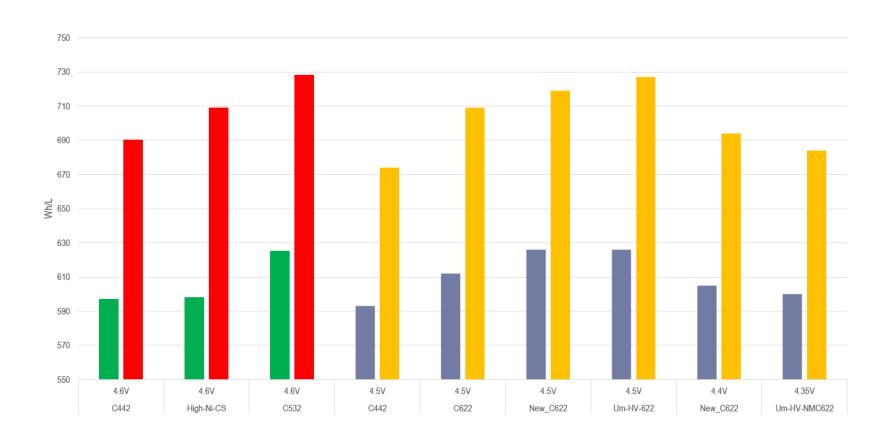
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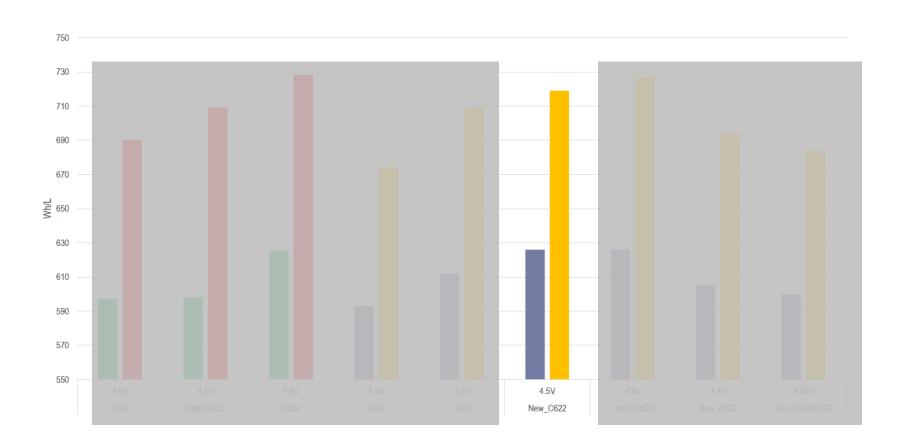


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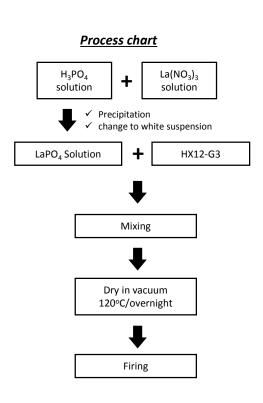
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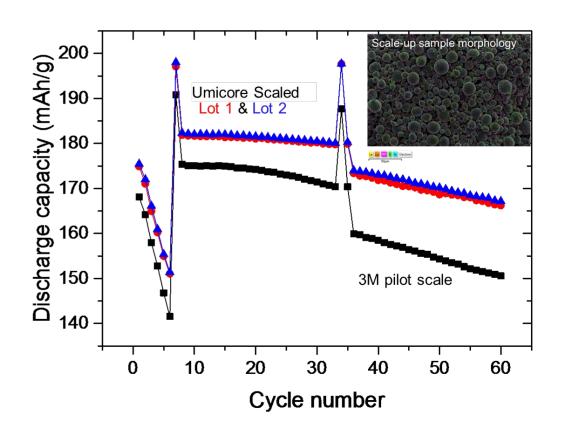




# **H.E. NMC Cathode Scale Up - Umicore**

Demonstrated material scale up & commercial manufacturing feasibility

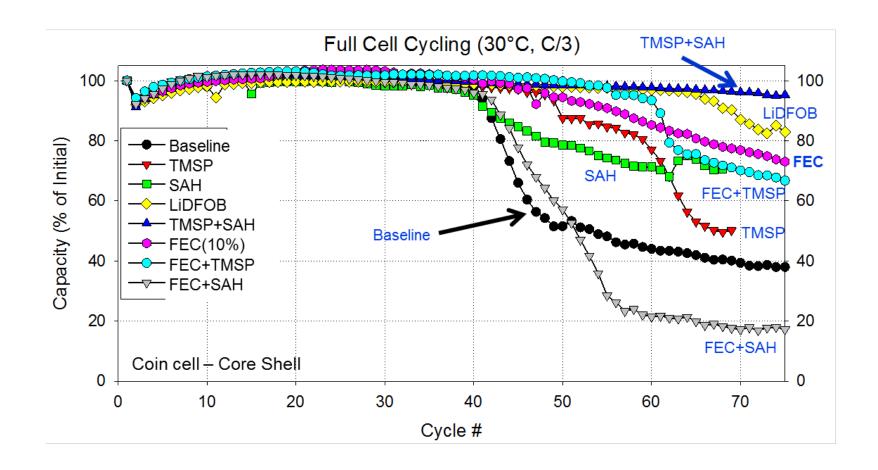






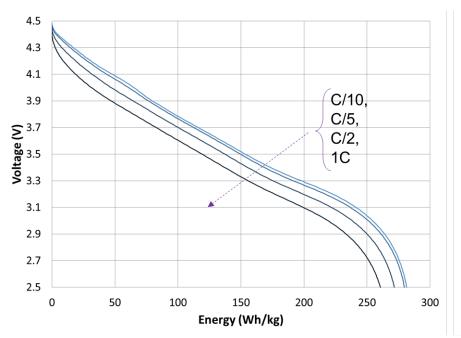
## **Electrolyte Development - ARL**

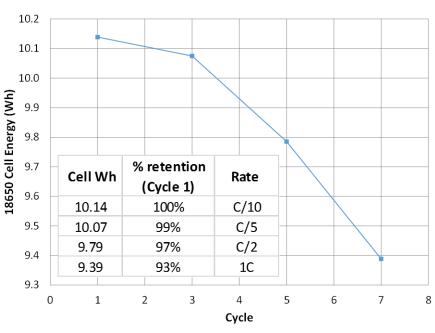
Identified cycle life enabling electrolyte for advanced chemistry





≥ 93% energy retention at 1C rate



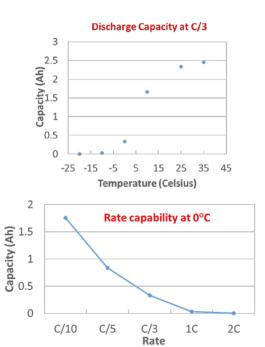


~24% increase in energy by *further* cell design optimization (12um separator, 58 mm wide cathode, N/P=1.05, Tighter winding)
Si alloy anode from 3M production scale facility; High energy NMC cathode from 3M pilot scale facility



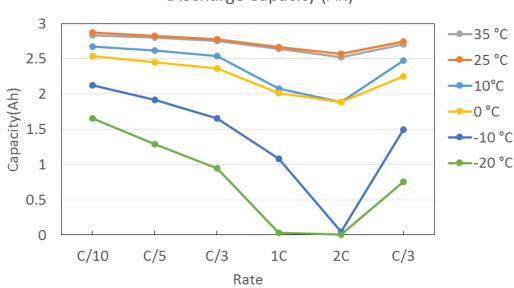
Improved rate capability at low temperatures

#### Baseline Material



#### Advanced Material



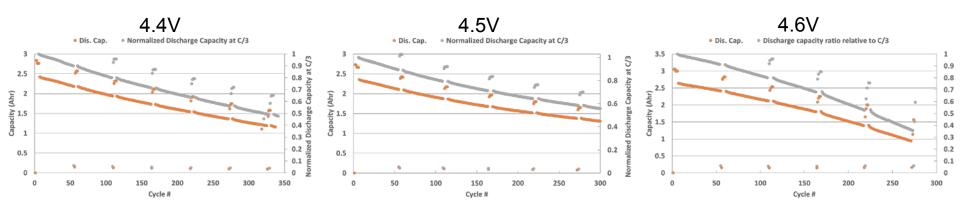


Low capacity at high C-rate at low temperature may be due to resistance built up during previous test.

Si alloy anode from 3M production scale facility High energy NMC cathode from 3M pilot scale facility



Effect of UCV on Cycle Life



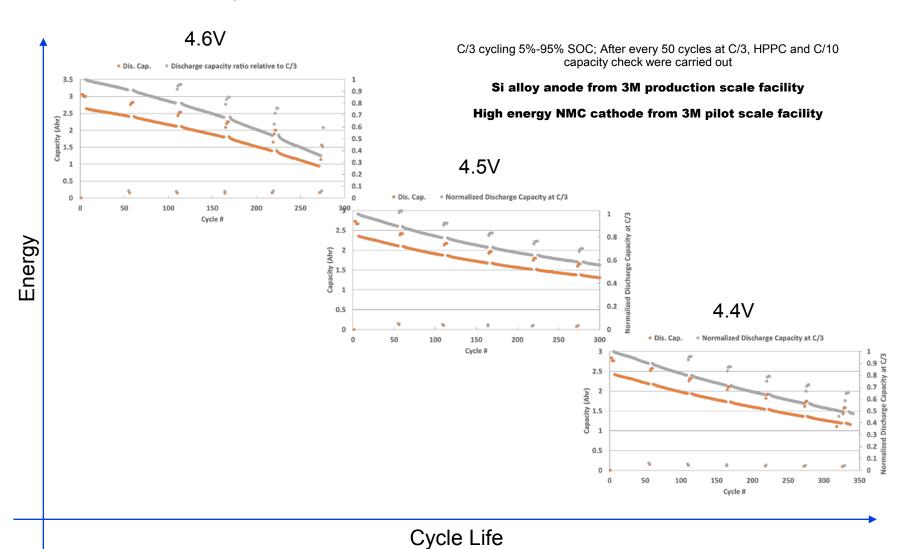
C/3 cycling 5%-95% SOC; After every 50 cycles at C/3, HPPC and C/10 capacity check were carried out

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### Gap Analysis, Advanced vs. Baseline - GM

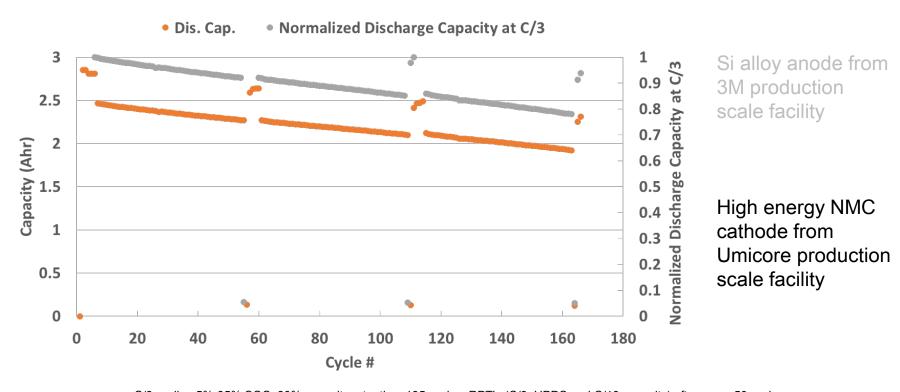
Improved key cell level properties. Cycle life improvement WIP.

	Unit	Target <sup>1</sup>	Bend	Benchmarks <sup>2</sup>		4.4-2.5 V		4.5-2.5 V		2.5 V
			Cell Level	Wet Laminate Level <sup>3</sup>	Cell Level	Wet Laminate Level <sup>3</sup>	Cell Level	Wet Laminate Level <sup>3</sup>	Cell Level	Wet Laminate Level <sup>3</sup>
Gravimetric Energy Density	Wh/kg	400	192 <sup>4</sup>	2474	206	260	218	274	234	295
Volumetric Energy Density	Wh/L	600	490 <sup>4</sup>	4904	556	556	596	596	633	633
Gravimetric Discharge Power Density	W/Kg	800	366 <sup>5</sup>	471 <sup>5</sup>	676	853	691	870		
Volumetric Discharge Power Density	W/L	1200	933 <sup>5</sup>	933 <sup>5</sup>	1818	1818	1873	1873		
Gravimetric Regen Power Density	W/Kg	400	690 <sup>5</sup>	888 <sup>5</sup>	1396	1761	1528	1926		
Volumetric Regen Power Density	W/L	600	1757 <sup>5</sup>	1757 <sup>5</sup>	3756	3756	4146	4146		
Cycle life	cycles <sup>6</sup>	1000	45	45	194	194	189	189	158	158
Opt. Temp. Range	°C	-30~65	0~TBD	0~TBD	-20~35	-20~35	-20~35	-20~35	30	30

<sup>1 -</sup> End of life requirement from F; 2 - Beginning of life data; 3 - Including electrode, separator, and electrolyte; 4 - Data from C/3; 5 - 40% SOC; Vm, 25°C; 6 - 35% capacity loss at C/3 with 90% DOD range



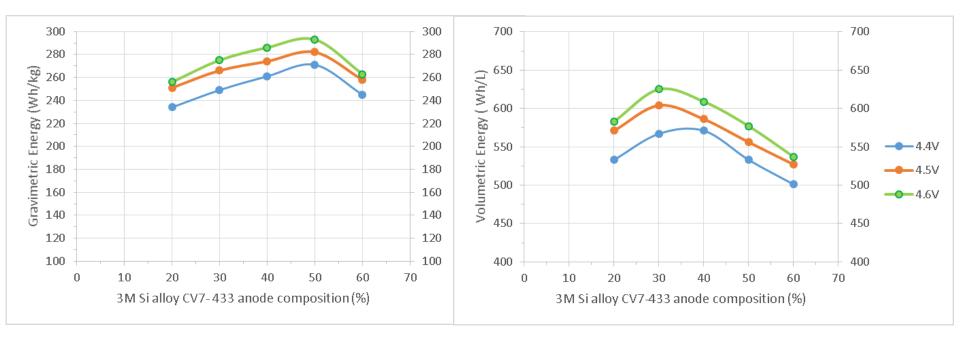
Cycle life testing with deliverable cells in progress



 $\hbox{C/3 cycling 5\%-95\% SOC; 80\% capacity retention: 135 cycles; RPT's (C/3, HPPC and C/10 capacity) after every 50 cycles}$ 

# **Pouch Cell Evaluation - Iontensity**

Identified pouch cell energy levels with varying wt% content of Si alloy anode



Si alloy anode from 3M production scale facility
High energy NMC cathode from 3M pilot scale facility
Cycle life testing initiated



## **Cell Sampling to Argonne National Lab - 3M**

Sampled 18650 cells with advanced chemistry

Rate	C/15	C/15	Irreversible	Irreversible C/10 % (After 1st		C/10	Irreversible % (after 3	C/5	C/5	C/2	C/2	<b>1C</b>	<b>1C</b>
Cycle #	0	0	cycle)	1	2	cycles)	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Avg	3390	2782	17.9%	2865	2881	15.0%	2864	2864	2823	2818	2759	2751	
St Dev	52	57	0.5%	56	54	0.5%	53	53	53	52	56	56	
Relative St Dev	1.5%	2.0%	3.0%	2.0%	1.9%	3.0%	1.9%	1.8%	1.9%	1.9%	2.0%	2.0%	



# Response to Previous Year Reviewers' Comments

- Si Alloy anode and advanced cathode: Cycle life improvements for commercialization
  - Made improvements but achieving long cycle life (>1000 cycles) is still a challenge.
  - Working on key enablers: High voltage electrolyte, anode composite, stable electrochemical couple match
- Si Alloy anode and advanced cathode: Powder production
  - Generated >1000 kg Si alloy anode materials (advanced material).
  - Generated >50 kg of particle coated NMC cathode material.
- Harmonizing test conditions and cycling test
  - Each partner used the same material lot or coated electrode
  - Balanced approach:
    - Cycle life testing in large cells were harmonized for C/3 rate
    - Optional testing via partner's preferred conditions



#### **Collaboration and Coordination**

#### 3M

• Sample Electrodes (ARL, Iontensity, GM), Si Alloy Anode Powder (Iontensity, GM, LBNL), High Energy NMC Cathode Powder (Iontensity, GM) and Cells (GM).

#### ARL

Develop and Sample Electrolyte and Additives (3M, Iontensity).

#### GM

• Evaluate, Analyze and Diagnose Cells (3M, Iontensity).

#### LBNL

Optimize and Evaluate Binder Chemistry for Si Alloy Anode (3M).

#### Iontensity

Optimize Composite Electrodes and Pouch Cells. Sample Cells (GM, 3M).

#### Umicore

• Optimize Process and Scale Up Cathode Material. Sample Materials (3M).



### Remaining Challenges / Barriers

- Long cycle life
  - Electrolyte formulation for high voltage (4.5V) chemistries
  - Superior Si anode composite
    - Binder evaluation in large format cells such as 18650 or pouch cells
    - More stable SEI formation
    - Further reduced controlled volumetric expansion over life
  - Stable match of high voltage cathode and high voltage electrolyte



# **Proposed Future Work**

- Complete life testing with advanced chemistry
- Analyze life degradation root causes
- Discuss advanced chemistry performance from cells sampled to ANL
- Prepare final project report

### **Summary**

- Successfully leveraged collaborative R&D
  - Anode and Cathode material development at 3M
  - Binder development on 3M Si Alloy Anode at LBNL
  - Cathode material scale up and process optimization at Umicore.
  - Gap analysis, cell evaluation and validation at GM
  - Electrolyte and additive screening for baseline and advanced chemistry at ARL
  - Advanced chemistry's pouch format cell feasibility at lontensity.
- Successful Scaled up Baseline and Advanced Materials
- Demonstrated performance improvement



